



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Tomzak and Members of City Council
FROM: Phillip L. Rodenberg, City Manager
DATE: September 5, 2007
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

RIPKEN BASEBALL I: The City is hosting the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's Baseball Festival on September 22 at James Monroe High School. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities, partnering with City Schools, Union Bank and Trust, and the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, have a full schedule, with events beginning at 8 a.m. with a Coaches Clinic. The instructors are Billy Ripken and Rick Krivda, both former major league baseball players. Pre-registration cost is \$10 and a large audience is expected. The outdoor festival will be from noon to 4:00 PM, featuring instructional stations, contests, and activity stations for all ages, both on the JMHS grounds and in the school's gymnasium. The event will include food vendors and other vendors with a variety of information and baseball related merchandise. Prizes are included as part of the festival activity.

RIPKEN BASEBALL II: On August 30, the City hosted Ripken Baseball Deputy Executive Chuck Brady and two of his staff members. The Ripken group met with the City Manager, three department heads and other staff. While here, they visited the proposed "Rappahannock Gold" site for the baseball field, and discussed possible layouts of the fields. Mr. Brady also was able to review the City engineer's soil report, demonstrating that the site will support the development. Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation designer Jim Arnold will be working with the City to determine the feasibility of the project, as well as potential design of the selected site.

REFUSE COLLECTION COMMUNITY MEETING: 13 citizens and several staff members were in attendance for the August 30 meeting at the new Police Headquarters building. Comments were wide-ranging, but the overall sense of the attendees was in favor of maintaining the current methods of service. The schedule for another citizen meeting as well as Council action will be as follows:

- September: Second community meeting
- October: City Council work session
- November: City Council action
- January 2008: Target date for implementation

FALL CLEAN UP PROGRAMS: The City will hold the Fall Community Pride week from October 1 – 7. Residents may use dumpsters placed in various locations throughout the City (locations posted on the City website and channel 24) to dispose of bulk trash items. There will

be an appliance collection day on Tuesday, October 2nd. Residents must call the Public Works office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 1st, to schedule a pickup. There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day at the Belman Road recycling center on Saturday, September 29th, and at the Eskimo Hill regional recycling center on Saturday, October 27th. Both days will be from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE VIRGINIA EASEMENT PROPERTY ANNUAL VISIT: Planning staff accompanied the Virginia Outdoors Foundation on its annual monitoring visit to the Celebrate Virginia easement property. The property is in excellent condition, with a good diversity of vegetation and wildlife. In addition, the Silver Company is providing additional buffering in selected areas, primarily near historic resources.

REPLACEMENT OF WAYSIDE EXHIBIT PANELS: Planning staff has replaced the weathered wayside exhibit panels in the following locations:

1. Corner of Hanover and Sophia Streets – 2 panels related to Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site).
2. Corner of Caroline and William Streets – 3 panels related to Religious Freedom statute and Civil Rights protests
3. Corner of Princess Anne and Wolfe Streets – 3 panels related to the segregated African-American neighborhood and the two nearby churches (Shiloh Baptist Church – New Site and Mt. Zion Baptist Church).

Additional panels are on order to replace the worn out panels in Hurkamp Park and at the corner of Hanover Street and Kenmore Avenue.

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